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## PUERTO RICO TARIFF BILL IS ADOPTED.

Senate Passes the Amended Measure  
by a Majority of Nine  
Votes.

## WEST VIRGINIA SENATORS

With Favor Its Passage—Will be Accepted by House—The People  
Need Immediate Relief.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—The Senate today passed the bill for the annexation of Porto Rico, which was amended by the Senate, by a majority of nine votes.

The bill, which was introduced by Senator Elkins, and which was amended by the Senate, was passed by a majority of nine votes.

Senator Elkins, when his name was called, announced that he was paired with Senator Chilton, of Texas. Had the latter been present, Senator Elkins would have voted aye.

Senator Scott said to-night that he favored the bill as the best present method of relief for Porto Rico. The bill, if it shall become a law, will be all expected for the benefit of the people of the island, and under the amendments made by the Senate, will not be hard upon them nor upon the people of the United States.

Would Close Every Business House. Senator Scott is of the opinion that to impose an internal revenue law upon Porto Rico at this juncture, would close every business house on the island and as legislation is imperative, he is in his judgment, the proper measure. It is believed the bill will pass the house at an early day. The principles embodied in the bill are maintained, and as these caused the protracted discussion of those particular principles when the original bill was before the house, and all phases of the question were exhaustively treated, it is the opinion that the Republican leaders will at once agree upon a plan which will insure the prompt ratification of the Senate's action, especially as the early recognition of Porto Rico demands, and the need of relief for the people seem to be of great importance.

Interest Did Not Flag. It has been evident for some time that the bill would command a majority in the Senate, but notwithstanding that fact the interest in the measure, both of Senators and the public has not flagged an instant. To-day the galleries were crowded and hundreds of people filled the corridors unable to secure even standing room in the galleries. From 11 o'clock, when the Senate convened, until the hour when the voting began, advocates and opponents of the bill brilliantly and eloquently maintained their convictions and the auditors were kept in a state of constant excitement. The particularly notable speeches of the day were delivered by Mr. Mason, of Illinois, in opposition to the measure, and by Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, who replied to a brief speech by Mr. Wellington, of Maryland. It was the Ohio senator's desire to clear up any misunderstanding or misinformation concerning the bill.

Sensational Episode Occurred. Mr. Mason's speech was argumentative, eloquent and amusing by turns, and as it covered the entire range of the country's duties and responsibilities to what the Illinois senator sarcastically termed "our in-sular possessions," it was very interesting to his hearers.

Just before the Senate adjourned, a sensational episode occurred, in which Mr. Wolcott, of Colorado, accused Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, of uttering that which was "unqualifiedly false." The difficulty arose over an effort made by Mr. Lodge to have the Spooner bill made the unfinished business. This involved the displacement of the Quay case and the friends of the former senator from Pennsylvania made things exceedingly lively for half an hour.

DAVIS AMENDMENT LOST. Beveridge Not Present, but Would Have Favored the Bill. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Voting began on the Puerto Rican bill shortly after 4 o'clock. After a number of committee amendments were agreed to without division, Mr. Davis, of Minnesota, offered his amendment, making Puerto Rico an internal revenue district and granting free trade. The vote on this amendment was taken by yeas and nays.

The Davis amendment was lost, 30 to 40. The detailed vote on the Davis amendment follows: Yeas—Allen, Bacon, Bate, Berry, Clark, (Mont.); Clay, Cockrell, Culbertson, Daniel, Davis, (Rep.); Harris, Hittfield, Jones, (Ark.); Kenney, Lindsay, McLaurin, Martin, Mason, (Rep.); Morgan, Money, Nelson, (Rep.); Pettus, Proctor, (Rep.); Simon, (Rep.); Sullivan, Tallaferro, Teller, Tillman, Turley, Vest, Wellington, (Rep.); total, 30.

Nays—Allison, Baker, Bard, Carter, Chandler, Clark, (Wyo.); Cullom, Deboe, Depew, Fairbanks, Foraker, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley, Jones, (Nev.); Keen, Kyle, Lodge, McBride, McComas, McMillan, Penrose, Perkins, Platt, (Conn.); Platt, (N. Y.); Pritchard, Quarles, Ross, Scott, Sewell, Shoup, Spooner, Stewart, Teller, Thurston, Wetmore, Wolcott; total, 40.

Senator Nelson offered a free trade amendment, but placing the internal revenue taxes on goods coming into this country from Puerto Rico. The amendment was lost, 29 to 41. The vote was the same as on the Davis amendment, except that Daniel, (Dem., Va.), voted no.

Paired were announced as follows, those first mentioned being favorable to the amendment: Fre-Burrows; Chilton-Elkins; Rawlins-Hanna; Hoar-McEnery; Mallory-Hale; Turner-Warren; Pettigrew-Aldrich; Butler-McCumber.

Mr. Beveridge was the only absentee who was not paired. He has a regular pair with Mr. Clark, of Montana, and that senator announced that if present, Mr. Beveridge would vote for the amendment.

The detailed vote: Yeas—Allison, Baker, Bard, Carter, Chandler, Clark, (Wyo.); Cullom, Deboe, Depew, Fairbanks, Foraker, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley, Jones, (Nev.); Keen, Kyle, Lodge, McBride, McComas, McMillan, Penrose, Perkins, Platt, (Conn.); Platt, (N. Y.); Pritchard, Quarles, Ross,

## PREPARING TO ADVANCE IS BULLER.

No News Received of the Expected  
Battle Between Gen. French  
and the Boers.

## HARD FATE FOR THE ENEMY.

Need a Brilliant Success on Scene of  
Latest Reverse—Story of the  
Last Engagement.

LONDON, April 4.—No news has been yet received of the expected battle between General French and the Boers.

There is now but a remote prospect of the capture of the guns. This, however, is regarded as quite trifling compared with the political effects of the disaster. As the Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times remarks, Commandant Oliver's strategy in re-occupying Ladybrand and Thaba N'Chu was bold, and even brilliant. Most of his force is composed of Free Staters, and the advantage gained by them will have a most disturbing effect on the mind of the Free State population.

The impossibility of affording complete protection for the moment, to all the farmers in the south and southeast sections of the Free State is recognized at Bloemfontein. Men who surrendered under the proclamation of Lord Roberts are now being punished for the reliance they placed in the ability of the British to protect them. As the report further remarked, "This is a hard fate," and every possible effort will be made to help them, but consideration for the sufferings of repentant belligerents with the hands of their fellow countrymen cannot be suffered to prejudice the military plans of Lord Roberts.

Takes a Humane View. The Daily Telegraph, which takes a more humane view, says: "It is just as important to protect those burghers who have trusted in our power and surrendered all means of defending them as it is to win victories against those who are still in arms."

The Daily Chronicle, whose Cape Town correspondent joyfully predicted that the war would be over in three months, says: "In order to re-establish our position in the Free State we need a brilliant success, won on the scene of our latest reverse."

It is announced from Springfield that the censorship has again curtailed the dispatches. Therefore important developments must be impending.

Cannot Believe the Story. The British public is reluctant to believe that an American led the Boer forces which attacked the convoy.

The Daily Chronicle says Reichmann, maybe, like some other Americans, in sympathy with the Boers, he may even have unofficially advised the Boer commandant, although this would have been exceedingly improper, but we cannot think he would take the command without previously resigning his American citizenship.

There is little news from other points. Mafeking was still besieged on March 20, and there are rumors that General Buller is preparing to advance.

NEVER SAW SUCH PLUCK Exhibited by the English in the Last Battle—Boers Show Great Strength. RUSHMAN'S KOP, April 2.—Hearing that the water works were deserted the correspondent of the Reuter's Telegram agency rode forward to-day. Arriving at the crest of a hill, a volley was fired at him and a moment later a man appeared at the top of the crest. Calling on him to stop firing and saying that he was unarmed and desired to talk with him the correspondent discovered that the man was an American, who declared that he accompanied the Boers only as a sightseer. He said that never during his whole life had he witnessed such magnificent pluck as that shown by the British Saturday, and he asserted that not only himself but the whole Boer army were profoundly touched with admiration at their gallant behavior.

Boers Were Always Confident. It appears that the Boers never doubted their ability to capture the whole British force and were dumfounded at the courage displayed and the mastery with which the force was able to escape from the death trap. The correspondent's informant refused to give any information regarding the Boer forces or their movements, but it appeared that the present force was detached from Koonstad, joined the Ladybrand force and again divided north of Thaba N'Chu, one portion following the other and meeting Colonel Broadwood's retreating force. The Burghers engaged consisted of Schoeman's command, which was accompanied by many foreigners. Commandant John V. Blake was present with the Irish brigade and other foreigners.

Marked by Acts of Courage. The fight was marked by many acts of individual courage. The first man to warn the British of the ambush was a sergeant of the army service corps, who shot a Boer dead with his revolver. A Household cavalryman who was summoned to surrender, threw his rifle in his captor's face, knocking him over, and escaped. The Boers undoubtedly shot some of the prisoners and also killed some of their own men who advanced to demand the British to surrender.

Explosive bullets have been found in the handbills of some of the Boers who were captured.

The enemy pursued the British for miles, killing, wounding and taking prisoners. One squadron of the Sixth Dragoons, which entered the action 140 strong, mustered at the end only ten mounted men.

The Boers seemed to be in great strength throughout the district and are signalling on all sides. A large body is reported moving southwest of Bloemfontein in the direction of the railway.

Condition of Prisoners Deplorable. SIMONS TOWN, April 3.—The condition of the Boer prisoners is deplorable. The medical authorities seem unable to cope with the spread of typhoid fever. There were four additional deaths last night and the sick are panic-stricken. The dead are buried with as much respect as the exigencies of the place admit, but the gun carriage is no longer used, a wagon being requisitioned to convey a number of coffins at a single trip.

## PRESIDENT RAYMOND'S SUGGESTIONS

To the Board of Regents—Recommends Dismissal of Five Members of the Faculty.

## THE CHARGES ARE SERIOUS.

He Claims They are Incompetent and Disloyal—The Town Wildly Excited—The Story in Full.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., April 3.—The expected has happened in connection with the meeting of the board of regents of the University, and to-night the town is wildly excited over some of the recommendations contained in President Raymond's annual report to the board, which have leaked out. It is said that he has asked for the dismissal of five members of the faculty on the grounds of incompetency and disloyalty to the president. They are: Professors Samuel Brown, James S. Stewart, Robert W. Douthitt, James W. Hartigan and R. A. Armstrong. The board has taken no action as yet, but will before the week is out.

Called Meeting of Regents. The present session of the regents is a called meeting and will take the place of the regular annual meeting in June. Every member of the board is present. Hon. John J. Davis, of Clarksville, sits for the first time as a member, having recently been appointed in the place of Major Lee. This meeting reminds a spectator of some former meetings. The hotel lobbies are filled with persons trying to button-hole the regents, a few politicians are on the ground and there is a spirit of unrest prevailing the atmosphere which might have come from the bygone days when Dr. Turner had his troubles. The occasion for these things is found in the impression that the board is going to give the institution a shake up and find if there is ground for the charges which for some time have been made against President Raymond. These charges have implicated him in a number of transactions which have met the disapproval of a portion of the press, some of the politicians, a few members of the faculty and others, with the result that deservedly or not, President Raymond is a very unpopular man with many persons. These matters will be acted on at this meeting.

It is known that several members of the board are against him, but it is believed his following in the body is strong enough to prevent his removal, which is the action sought for by his enemies. President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford University, is an interested witness of the proceedings. He said to your correspondent this evening that the University was going through precisely the same experience every state university in the west had—that is, the experience involved in trying to show the people living at the seat of the institution that it was a public institution, and not something which existed for the benefit of its citizens alone.

Button-holing is Objectionable. He said such a thing as citizens of the town button-holing regents and asking them to make appointments to the faculty could not exist in the older state institutions of the east and should not be tolerated in any state. Dr. Jordan thinks President Raymond is doing good work here and should be upheld.

The regents will make final arrangements for erecting the new buildings provided for by the last legislature. The plans have been approved and show some pretty architecture, something sadly needed in the buildings about the campus. All the routine business for the year will be given attention and one or two instructors will be elected.

The spring convocation this evening was an interesting occasion. It was to have been preceded last night with an organ recital by Clarence Eddy, of Boston, but the organ could not be put together in time. The features of the convocation exercises was an address by President Jordan, on "The Freedom of the University." It was voted one of the ablest addresses ever given at the university. There were several musical numbers by the young men and young women's glee clubs and a piano solo by Miss Flora Hays. Leonard F. Hall, of New Martinsville, and Alpheus W. Smith, of Philippi, were graduated and received the degree of bachelor of arts; Clarence Symne, of Monroe county, that of bachelor of agriculture, and Miss Flora Hays received a certificate from the school of music.

ENDORSED LAYLIN. Delegates Selected in Jefferson to the State Convention—Jury Secured in Cramblitt Case. STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, April 3.—Hon. John L. Means presided over the Republican county convention here this afternoon. Resolutions endorsing Laylin for secretary of state were presented by ex-Lieutenant Governor R. G. Richards, and were adopted.

Delegates to the state convention are Congressman J. J. Gill, J. L. Means, R. O. Barkhurst, J. Dunbar, D. M. Welby, Robert McGowan, Robert Love, S. B. Taylor, M. N. Duval and E. L. Finley.

After sixty-six men had been examined in the Cramblitt jury case a jury of twelve men was secured this afternoon, and three witnesses were examined. The attendance at the trial is unusually large.

RED LETTER DAY. Cabell County Turns Out to Hear the Eloquent Freer, Who Wants a Renomination to Congress. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 3.—To-night has been a Republican red-letter occasion, and just on the eve of the most exciting municipal election ever held in the city, it assures success to the party. The Davis theatre was the scene of one of the largest gatherings that has occurred for many a day. Hon. Romeo H. Freer was the chief speaker of the evening, and his address was characteristic of the man—full of patriotism and bubbling over with the essence of genuine Republicanism.

General Shaw, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., incidentally arrived in the city, and delivered a brief address, preceding Mr. Freer, which served as a fitting prelude to the splendid address. Hon. James A. Hughes presided over the meeting, and certainly no one more neatly enjoyed the splendid oratory of the congressman than did he. The speaker did not announce his candidacy for re-election to Congress, but your correspondent is authorized to state that he is in the race. When asked about the interview published in this morning's Parkersburg News, he stated that he had been correctly reported.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY Arranged for Fairmont—Carrier System to be Established in the First Ward. Special Correspondence of Intelligencer. FAIRMONT, W. Va., April 3.—Postmaster A. Howard Fleming, of Fairmont, has made final arrangements with the postoffice department for the inauguration of the free delivery system in his section. The delivery will begin the 16th of April, with four carriers in the service and one substitute carrier for emergencies. Three carriers were selected several months ago, when the introduction of the system was first arranged with them. They are Messrs. Layman, Merrifield, Fleming and Hall, with Charles McGraw as the substitute.

The route will radiate from the Fairmont office, on both sides of the Monongahela river. Mr. Fleming also had a deputy inspector sent out to arrange for the establishment of the carrier system in the First ward of Fairmont, formerly known as Palatine. The ward was not in the beginning included in the territory to be served by carriers, owing to the fact that preliminary arrangements, therefore, had not been made, and it was decided to establish the service in the other wards, and arrange as soon as practicable for the First ward.

BROOKS-PETERSON. Marriage of Two Well-Known Society Young People of the State. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 3.—To-day, Mr. Herbert C. Brooks, formerly of Fairmont, but now a prominent insurance man, of New York, and Miss Florence Leonard Peterson were married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Major and Mrs. James J. Peterson, of Third Avenue. The affair was informal, and was witnessed by a large number of invited guests, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. B. Bevana, of the First M. E. church. The bride is the daughter of Major James J. Peterson, the widely known newspaper man, who is now acting as interpreter of Spanish for General Otis, at Manila, while the groom is connected with one of the state's most prominent and highly respected families.

GREAT TRUNK LINE Will be Made of the B. & O. According to Report. NEW YORK, April 3.—After the meeting to-day of the executive committee of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the following statement was given out: The executive committee decided at its meeting to recommend to the board which will meet on Thursday next to offer about \$6,400,000 common shares issued and held in the treasury out of a capital of \$45,000,000 to the holders of about \$38,600,000 common shares of record at the closing of the books at the price of 80 per cent, payable October 1. This stock is sold to defray in part authorized expenditures for equipment and betterments to the system and the subscription at the above price is guaranteed.

The issuance of the new stock, it is explained, is part of a plan to make the Baltimore & Ohio system one of the great trunk lines of the country.

## TO BUILD THE CANAL.

TRENTON, N. J., April 3.—The Inter-Oceanic Steamship Company was incorporated here to-day, with an authorized capital of one hundred million dollars. The company is authorized to construct, own and operate a maritime canal between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans through the territory of Nicaragua or any other territory in Central or South America.

## Weather Forecast for To-day.

For Ohio and Western Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy Wednesday, with colder weather in extreme southern portions. Thursday, rain or snow; brisk northerly, shifting to northeasterly winds.

For West Virginia: Partly cloudy and colder Wednesday. Thursday, rain; north to northerly winds.

Local Temperature. The weather yesterday, as registered by C. Schnopf, druggist, corner of Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:

7 a. m. .... 44 2 p. m. .... 58  
9 a. m. .... 46 7 p. m. .... 60  
12 m. .... 48 Changeable.